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Monday, December 14, 1936

Rev. H. M. Couchenour, pictured above, is conducting evangelistic services at the local Nazarene church.

Thursday, December 17, 1936

New Linotype, New Type in Use at Berne Review

This issue of the Review is wearing a new dress. In other words, new Excelsior type has replaced the old type and is being used in all three of the linotype machines of this shop.

A new linotype machine, the latest model 8, three-magazine with double quadding and centering device was installed this week and being used for the first time today. George E. Lee, representative of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, Chicago, arrived here Tuesday to install the machine. Mr. Lee will leave here some time Friday.

Monday, December 21, 1936

SNOW FALLS AS WINTER COMES

Heaviest Snow of Season Falls; Winter Begins This Evening

Winter will arrive here at 6 o'clock this evening. Today, December 21, is also the shortest day of the year, and beginning tomorrow, each day will be a little longer until June 21.

The heaviest snow of the season fell Friday night, about 3 inches is on the ground now. The snow began falling at 8:30 Friday evening and continued for several hours. However, it did not snow enough to cause deep drifts, even in the face of stiff winds Sunday. The snow will be of great benefit and protection to the wheat and grass crops, farmers say.

Indications are for normal temperatures for the next several days.

Monday, December 21, 1936

LARGE CROWD HERE SATURDAY

Show Which Was To Have Been Given Here Is Disappointment

A large crowd of people, including many children, came to Berne Saturday afternoon to see Santa Claus and the dogs, reindeer, sleds and other articles brought here by Capt. Earl Hammond, of Alaska. Merchants here report that the holiday shopping on Saturday was heavy.

The program which had been arranged was a disappointment, however. A dog team gave rides to many children, but Capt. Hammond omitted his lecture and other things which he had promised.

Monday, December 28, 1936

DALE RICH CLAIMS BRIDE

Weds Miss Anna Sprunger at Defenseless Mennonite Church

Thursday evening at 6 o'clock occurred the wedding of Miss Anna Sprunger to Dale Rich. The marriage was solemnized at the Defenseless Mennonite church northwest of Berne, Rev. N. J. Schmucker officiating at the double ring ceremony. Denver Yoder and Miss Vernelle Sprunger, the bride's sister, attended the couple.

The church was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season, with ferns, candles and other decorations being used.

Roman Liechty sang two vocal solos, "I Love You Truly" and "The Sunshine of Your Smile." Roger and Marlon Yoder furnished violin music, accompanied on the piano by Miss Pearl Fox. Mrs. Milton Liechty played the wedding march.

The bride was pretty in an ankle length gown of blue satin, with gold accessories. She carried a bouquet of Chrysanthemums and Sweet Peas.

The bridesmaid wore a dress of gold satin, ankle length, and white satin slippers with gold trimmings.

The groom wore an oxford grey suit, and his attendant a suit of dark blue.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sprunger of northwest Berne. She is widely known and has a large number of friends. She has been doing housework at home.

Mr. Rich is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich, living northwest of town. He has been engaged in farming on his father's farm, where the couple will be at home for the present.

Monday, December 28, 1936

SECRET WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

Robert Striker, Miss Leone Stauffer Married Last June

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Stauffer of French township announced at a Christmas dinner the marriage of their only daughter, Leone, to Robert Striker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Striker of Monroe township.

The young couple was married June 14, at Auburn, Ind., by the Rev. Chester Hodge, pastor of the M. E. church of that place. The young people kept their marriage a secret up to Christmas day.

Mrs. Striker is a graduate of the Hartford high school, graduating in 1935 and Mr. Striker is a graduate of the Monroe high school, graduating in 1934. He has been employed at the Nussbaum Novelty Company here.

Thursday, January 14, 1937

HEAVY RAIN FLOODS STREAMS AND LOWLANDS

North Part of Berne Resembles Lake Today; Cold May Halt Threat of Flood

Rain which fell at intervals Wednesday and practically all night last night, flooded lowlands in this community and brought a genuine flood threat to farmers living along rivers and in bottom lands. Scores of basements were flooded in Berne and community, and the north part of Berne resembled a big lake this morning. The total rainfall Wednesday and last night amounted to 1.49 inches, according to H. M. Reusser. Rain was again falling at intervals today.

To Be Colder

Much colder weather will follow the rain, according to weather predictions. Snow today may also hit this community. A severe cold wave is predicted for the northwest.

New High Mark

Many local people claim the high water was higher here last night than ever before. The water was across Federal Highway 27 in the north part of Berne. In the vicinity of the Highway Hatchery and from there east as far as the Nazarene church, all the low ground was under water, at places several feet deep. Other low parts of the town were flooded and many families were busy today in getting water out of their basements.

On West Main Street, the water rose over the sidewalks during the night. The lot where the new post office is to be built is flooded.

Creeks were swollen this morning from the heavy rain. Some were out of their banks and the water was spreading into the lowlands. The Wabash river was rising rapidly today and will no doubt go far out of its banks. In the canoe district many acres were under water this forenoon.

Fields throughout the community were flooded. From Geneva comes the report that the Limberlost south of Geneva is on a rampage and flooding hundreds of acres of bottom land. At Portland principal streets of the city were under water this morning, according to reports. At Bluffton the Wabash river is rising rapidly today, according to a statement from that city.

The rain was general throughout this part of the country and unless the predicted cold spell checks the flood water, great damage may be caused at places.

March 22, 1937

EMMA ECKROTE GETS DIVORCE

Well-known Couple, Wed 49 Years, Are Separated

Bluffton, March 22 – Mrs. Emma Eckrote was granted a decree of divorce from Harvey Eckrote in the Wells circuit court here Saturday on grounds of cruel treatment. She and her husband, who did not

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